

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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SUBJECT: Mlangollen-Delversan Landfill-Delaware

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Both Dr. Ed Sienicki, Director Department of Natural Resources of Delaware, and Jack Kirk, Chief Administrative Aid of New Castle County were contacted. Their stories were approximately the same.

1. State and county held a meeting week of 7/17 in response to Mary Jernin's letter to Governor DuPont. Composition of meeting not established.
2. County acknowledged responsibility for and treatment of Mlangollen site pollution, but were reluctant to do anything until the Delaware sand and gravel landfill problem was solved.
3. Different pollution statement solutions were discussed, even to the idea of paying over Delversan landfill, to reduce leachate input, while providing a landsite for some recreational purpose.
4. State held a meeting with Delversan lawyers. State is examining various methods to secure money from the company to start abatement procedures at Delversan. While the methods contemplated by the state were discussed, they are to be held confidential until state action is taken. State Attorney General is actively pursuing this.
5. Secretary Olney is to summarize states position as result of the meeting and reply to the county. This letter is to be used by the county staff to go to the county board for monies to start abatement action.
6. The new approach planned is to move the recovery wells closer into the landfill area and reduce the amount of water being pumped. The procedure which I had favored was the pumping of the leachate into New Castle sewer line. This was mentioned but no real significant answer as to why it was not followed through was obtained.

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7. Both state and county are aware of their existing permit problems and both understand that Army Creek cannot be considered part of their treatment facility.
8. Both state and county will copy EPA on all memo's and minutes of any meetings held. EPA will be informed and invited to any future meetings.

Dr Sienicki and Jack Kirk, were informed of EPA's continued interest and of EPA's next staff meeting to establish our position and to keep Mr. Schramm informed. Subsequent calls from another state staff member indicated that my call shook them up as he had received calls from Jack Kirk, Albert Madera, State's A.G. Also a state staff discussion was held by Dr. Sienicki to discuss the total problem and states best options.

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